

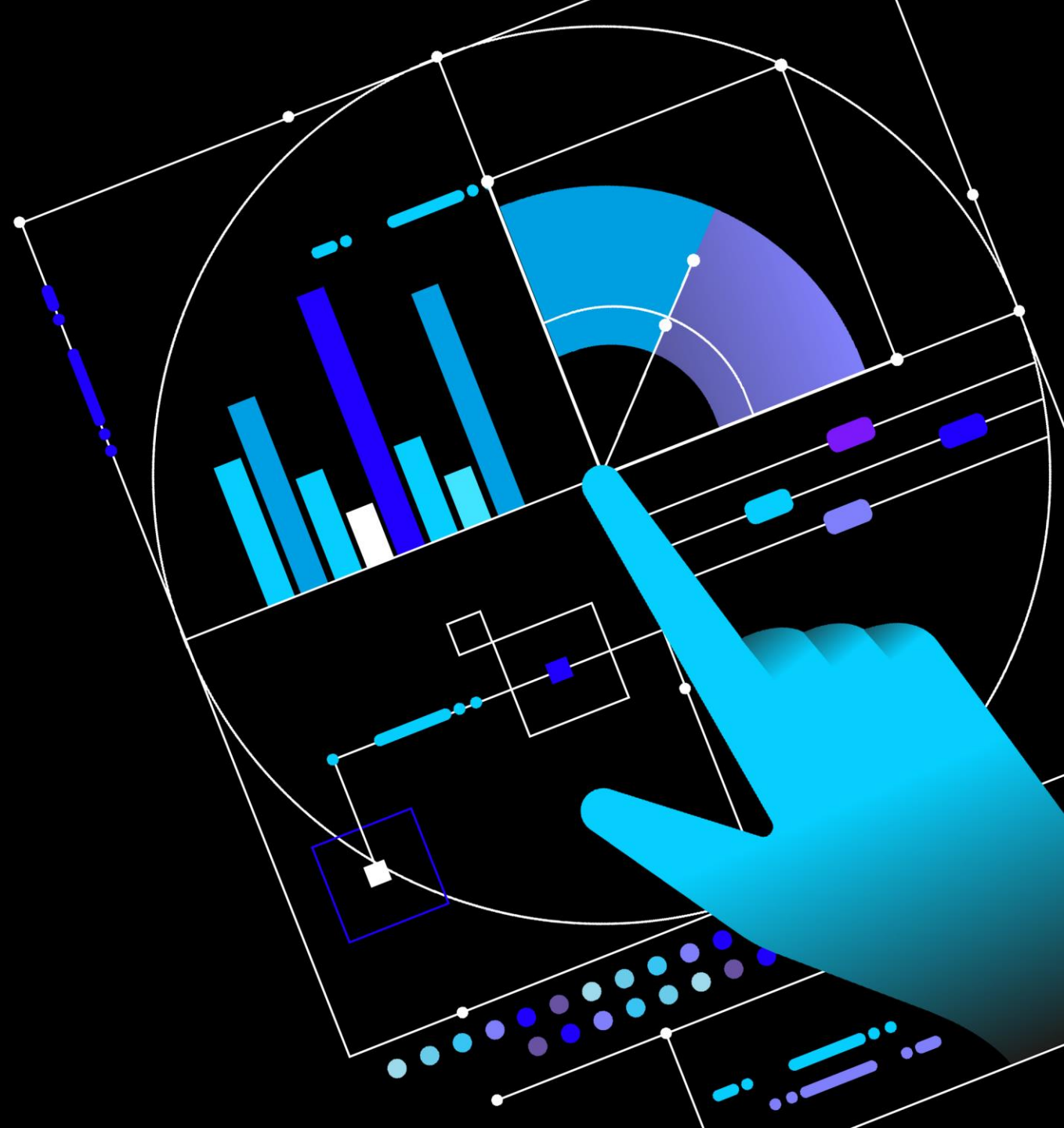


**World  
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Rankings 2025**

**Q&A**

# **The 2025 World University Rankings Masterclass: Japan**

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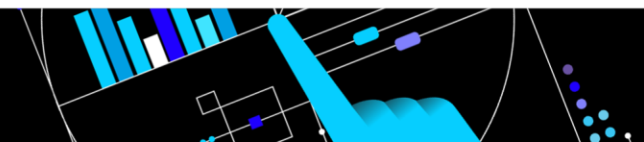
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**Q. For clarification, am I correct to what I have heard that joining THE Ranking is FREE of CHARGE?**

**A.** Yes, you are correct. Participation in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings is free of charge. There are no costs or fees required to participate in the ranking process. Institutions interested in being considered for the rankings need to submit their data through the online Data Collection Portal. While there is no financial cost to participate, it is suggested that there may be a cost in terms of missed opportunities for showcasing your institution if you choose not to participate.

**Q. Regarding the results of the THE World University Rankings 2025, we would like to obtain the complete data, including ratings and scores, in an Excel format. Is it available? If so, from where can we access it?**

**A.** The publicly available data is made easy to copy and paste from the website table: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/latest/world-ranking>. However, if you require more data and analysis, please email [data@timeshighereducation.com](mailto:data@timeshighereducation.com).



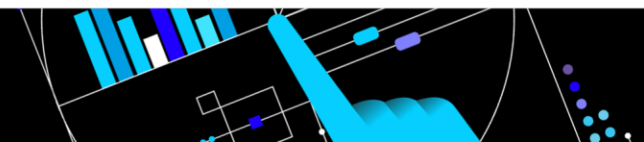
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## Q. Do we need to get a consultant when applying for THE Ranking?

A. No, it is not necessary to hire a consultant when applying for the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. THE provides a range of resources to assist institutions in the data submission process. These resources include detailed guidelines, user guides in multiple languages, and a data submission guide available on the THE Data Collection Portal. Additionally, THE has conducted Masterclass Series to help analyze results and review data, insights, and trends, with recordings available for further assistance. Please email [profilerankings@timeshighereducation.com](mailto:profilerankings@timeshighereducation.com) to get started.

Institutions can also reach out to THE directly via email for any questions or concerns they may have during the data collection process. Furthermore, the Data Collection Portal includes a THE Rankings Support assistant for help, and institutions can contact the data collection team or speak to a member of the team during UK office hours for more personalized support.

Therefore, while institutions are free to seek external consultancy services if they choose, THE provides ample support and resources that should enable institutions to complete the data submission process independently.

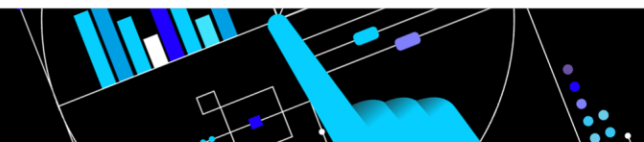


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**A.** The introduction of the new methodology in 2023 for the World University Rankings (WUR) did indeed replace the previous citation impact metric with three new metrics: research strength, research excellence, and research influence. These metrics are designed to provide a more nuanced and robust assessment of an institution's research performance. The citation impact metric, which was based on the arithmetic mean of citations, is no longer used in the WUR 3.0 methodology. Instead, the new metrics focus on the 75th percentile of Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI) for research strength, the top 10% of publications by FWCI for research excellence, and an iterative method considering the importance of citing papers for research influence.

As the new methodology has been implemented, it is expected that future rankings will continue to use these updated metrics rather than reverting to the old citation impact measure. The changes are intended to provide a more accurate reflection of research quality and influence, mitigating the effects of outliers and ensuring a fair comparison across institutions with varying research outputs.

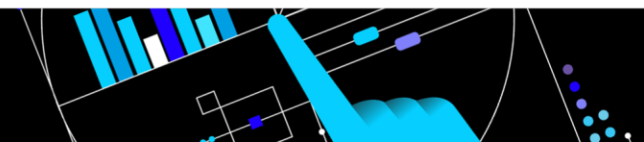


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